

## **DECEMBER 9, 2021 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Davis at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith, Treasurer Nelson and DPW Superintendent Friend were also present.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – Davis added Martin Graf of Gosling Czubak will be presenting information on the beach rip rap and review of road bids will be moved to become the first item of discussion.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Motion by Rademacher, support by Dye to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, **MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Martin Graf thanked the Village for ongoing support of the Gosling Czubak as the Village Engineer.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion by Dye, supported by Barr to approve minutes of Regular Meeting 11/11/21 and approve Bills totaling \$37,772.29. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**MARTIN GRAF OF GOSLING CZUBAK** – Graf reported on the current condition of the revetment at the beach. Liner has deteriorated and he recommends it be replaced sometime before the next high-water cycle (approximately 20-30 yrs.). There was discussion of improving the esthetics by adding some rip rap that the Village already has in stock. Graf responded that would strictly be esthetic improvement as that would not repair the liner or its function.

**BIDS FOR PAVING** – There was discussion of how the paving of streets may be bid at the same time as Shalda Park but would be bid as separate projects. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve paving Union St. from Michigan to Niagara, including a section west on Niagara and the entire alley behind the Township Hall, and the contract with Gosling Czubak not to exceed 12K. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – All reports for October and November were received.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – A note from Terry Bacon was received and read aloud and a letter from Yarrow Brown was received and included in the packet.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** – Zoning Administrator Grobbel's report was received. Friend reported on the recent loader repair and the training of the new DPW Assistant, Ryan Buchler.

**COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Barr and Chase reported that they had asked questions and requested that the office obtain quotes for items on Parks list of repair and maintenance items.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2021 – MEDC REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - Motion by Bacon, support by Dye to approve the resolution authorizing the Villages participation in this program. ROLL CALL: Ayes: All. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SHALDA PARK GRANT PRIME PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION – Motion by Bacon, support from Barr to approve Martin Graf of Gosling Czubak as the Prime Professional for the Shalda Park grant. ROLL CALL: AYES: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**EMPLOYEE BONUSES – Davis suggested a \$3500 bonus for Tim O’Brien upon his retirement after 7 years with the Village. Motion by Barr, support by Rademacher to approve a \$3500. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED. Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve bonuses for John Friend and Alacia Acton in the amount of \$500 each. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Meg Walton commented the Housing North letter and the Shalda Park grant.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT** – Palmer asked about the Septic information on the website, the letter from the County regarding shared HR services, and her expired position on the ZBA. Davis noted that he did not plan to change any appointments until the new fiscal year.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:05 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

*These minutes were approved at the January 25, 2022 Regular Council meeting.*